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1. When the ship had entered Gdynia harbor in the evening of 18 June 1955, she was immediately boarded by a search party consisting of one officer and 14 other ratings. All spaces of the ship were searched in an extraordinarily careful manner: all cabins were examined and bunks, lockers and drawers were searched. The WOP officer seriously warned the shipmaster that it was strictly forbidden to take pictures in the harbor and that any infringement would be severely punished. An agent of the Polish agency, the Morska Agencja, stated that this prohibition to take pictures was expressly repeated because a crewmember of the [redacted] merchant vessel [redacted] had been arrested just before [redacted] ship had put into harbor. The [redacted] had been caught taking pictures in the harbor and was arrested by a WOP sentry. [redacted]

2. Captain and crew of the ship were rather astonished when they were told by the Polish ship broker that he was not allowed to issue cash to the crew as advances. On the other hand, the crewmen could buy as many admission tickets for the Gdynia Interclub as they liked, one dollar being the price for one ticket.

3. The tanker Karpaty was berthed at the Gdynia shipyard undergoing repair there. The shipyard could be easily observed from [redacted] ship which was moored alongside the Rumanian Quay. [redacted] reconditioning work on the ship JASTARNIA, a wreck which had been raised, had made further progress. A Polish submarine, [redacted] was in a floating dock lying in the shipyard basin. [redacted]

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